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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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SUBJECT : Foreign Travel of NSA Cleared Personnel

1. This memorandum is for information.

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2. Several weeks ago NSA raised in USIB the question of permission for [REDACTED] to attend a scientific conference in the USSR. This had been refused by NSA, and this position was endorsed by USIB. Another case of such NSA refusal to [REDACTED] 25X1A
[REDACTED] has also recently come to my attention.

3. While I recognize the importance of security, I do think that we must be extremely careful not to carry this policy too far. NSA and the intelligence community have a vital need for high-level scientific brains. If the practice of refusing travel permission to those having such clearance becomes wide-spread, it will very shortly discourage any willingness on the part of such people to obtain these clearances and assist the intelligence community. I personally believe that except in very rare cases there is no reason for refusing this permission, provided that the individual is very carefully briefed, his itinerary carefully scrutinized, and the proper Embassy people informed of his trip. This had been the practice in the past when permission has been granted for many senior scientists to visit the Soviet Union even though they have had access to the most sensitive intelligence material.

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